

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

#### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A notification system, comprising:  
a monitor that monitors likely available states of an entity; and  
a bounding system that classifies a notification to the entity according to a predefined protocol and the likely available states, the bounding system facilitating deferral of the notification based at least in part on the notification classification, the bounding system establishes a group of notifications associated with disparate likely available states and forwards the group of notifications associated with the disparate likely available states to the entity based on an occurrence of a highest likely state affiliated with at least one notification included in the group of notifications, content of the at least one notification included in the group of notifications is presented to the entity in its entirety, content of notifications associated with lesser likely states included in the group of notifications is displayed for the entity as a summary.
2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the bounding system is a subscription service provided at a notification source that enables users to tag notifications according to a predefined priority.
3. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein the predefined priority is assigned based upon the happening of a condition.
4. (Original) The system of claim 2, further comprising a subscription user interface to enable users to configure attributes of a notification.
5. (Original) The system of claim 4, wherein the attributes are defined in a notification schema.

6. (Original) The system of claim 5, the notification schema further comprising at least one of a notification class, a source, a source assigned priority, a sender, a target, one or more content components, a relevant context, and advanced attributes.
7. (Original) The system of claim 5, further comprising a preferences profile for assigning priority based upon settings in the notification schema.
8. (Original) The system of claim 7, further comprising a notification preferences editor to enable users to configure the preferences profile.
9. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the notification preference editor enables users to configure at least one of a context, a source type, a contact class, and a notification agent policy for directing received notifications.
10. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the context includes at least one of a calendar, time of day, and a device activity.
11. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the source type includes at least one of a human contact and an automated alert.
12. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the contact class includes at least one of key associates, family, and an InAddress Book.
13. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the monitor derives context from at least one of a calendar, a time of day, a device activity, and a user location.
14. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the monitor determines the likely available states from the derived context.

15. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the likely available states are determined from at least one of an indication by the user, an office setting, an environment setting, an activity setting, and a driving setting.
16. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a notification agent that directs notifications from one or more sources to one or more notification sinks based at least in part on the predefined protocol and the likely available states.
17. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the bounding system is a priorities system that automatically assigns priorities to notifications.
18. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the priorities are assigned *via* a classifier.
19. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a max deferral setting that is associated with a notification priority to enable at least one of a delivery of the notification at a time-out of the max deferral, and deferral of the notification to the likely available free state.
20. (Original) The system of claim 19, further comprising a setting to enable designated notifications to at least one of be passed-through, and restricted during designated periods.